

Dramatic Day at the Pier !

The start of renovations has been somewhat un-nerving, seeing the Pier being dismantled in order to re-construct it, but progress was good and it was clear the work was going well.

And then there was an incident on Thursday 16th July when an excavator sank into some soft mud and got stuck, and retrieval had to wait till low tide, in the early hours of Friday 17th July. Local company RB Commercial of Ipswich took on the rescue which went through the night.

Dave Gibson, CEO of Amicus Civil Engineering told us: "The excavator went to the shore edge to wash the tracks clean, part of our daily routine to avoid spreading mud and dirt over the road and compound. Unfortunately, on this occasion, the driver hit a really soft spot and became stuck."

Chairman John Davitt said, "Obviously we are disappointed with this incident, especially as Amicus is making such great progress with the renovations. However, we accept that working in such an environment is always going to carry additional risks. The most important thing is that no one was injured and the environment not damaged."



Local company RB Commercial from Ipswich worked through the night to recover the digger to the seawall, and then onto the recovery lorry in the morning. As the photos below show, they did a great job.





Pierside Snacks ready to serve this weekend 18th and 19th July opening times from 10.30am to 3pm



For customers wanting to visit Pierside Snacks, we are open between 10am-3pm on Saturdays and Sundays, weather permitting. We also intend to open on Wednesday 22nd July 12-3pm to see if there is demand for mid-week snacks.

Would you buy a plank?



As work progresses, we now need to appeal for more funding.

Before anyone can set foot on the reconstructed pier, we are seeking donations to help us buy the new railings, so this is your opportunity to help us.

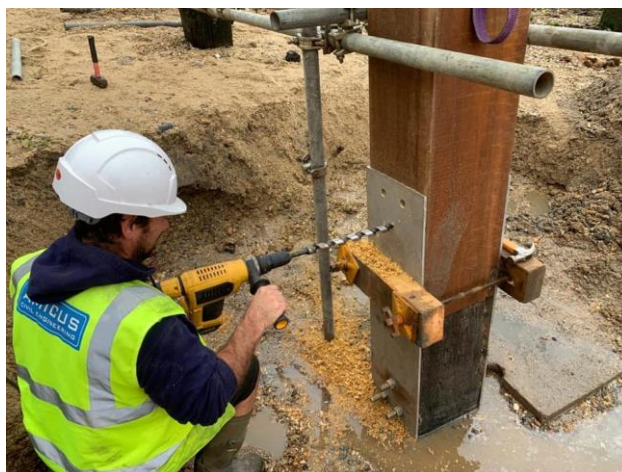
We intend to install railings in keeping with the original style and modern safety requirements.

There are several ways to help us along the way:

- An idea which we are discussing at the moment is sponsoring planks for £100. If you are interested in having your name on a plank or perhaps families having a cluster of planks, please email shotleypier@gmail.com so we can see how many people might like to do this. As there are limited number of planks at this stage of renovations, it's first come first served!
- Community shares are still on sale for anyone who would like to become a part-owner of the Pier. One share costs only £25, with the average purchase being 4 shares for £100. You receive a certificate confirming your purchase. All shareholders get one vote so you also get an equal say in our decisions. We have taken votes at meetings and online, so you get a good opportunity to share decisions whether you live near or far.
- You can also purchase community shares as gifts for others, whether for adults or children, with junior shares held in trust until a child reaches age 16. Community shares are inheritable and transferrable, but cannot be sold on the stock exchange, they are not tradeable shares. You should only purchase community shares if your main reason is to support the project, because the charitable constitution does not allow the payment of a dividend .
- Donations would also be very much appreciated.

Watch this space for further news but if you would like more detailed information or wish to support us please contact us direct.

Call 01473 780052 or email shotleypier@gmail.com to ask for more information.



Volunteer Steve Trumm is filming almost daily, so rather than link to one film, here is the connection to his YouTube Channel, where you can browse all his footage of progress at the pier, as well as other film topics. **[Press here to see Steve Trumm's YouTube channel](#)**

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